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Letter dated 10 October 1994 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

With reference to the letter from H.E. Mr. Amre Moussa, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Egypt, addressed to Your Excellency on 25 June 1994 (A/49/287-S/1994/894), I have the honour to transmit herewith the note by the Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia. This note was handed over to the Chargé d'affaires of the Embassy of the Republic of Egypt at Belgrade on 16 June 1994.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 39, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Dragomir DJOKIC
Ambassador
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

ANNEX

Note verbale dated 15 June 1994 from the Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Yugoslavia to the Embassy of the Republic of Egypt at Belgrade

The Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia presents its compliments to the Embassy of the Republic of Egypt and, as a full-fledged member of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, wishes to submit through the Government and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Egypt, as the host of the Eleventh Ministerial Conference of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries held at Cairo from 31 May to 3 June 1994, its reservations to the text of the adopted final document, under the heading "Bosnia-Herzegovina" [A/49/287-S/1994/894, annex, paras. 199-207]. It is expected that, in accordance with the practice of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, these reservations will be included in the final document of the Ministerial Conference and circulated to all the members of the Movement.

The Federal Ministry is compelled to submit these reservations because one-sided assessments and inaccuracies about the complexity of the crisis in the former Yugoslavia, particularly in Bosnia and Herzegovina, are contained in the said paragraphs of the final document and the responsibility for the tragic events is assigned exclusively to one of the three parties to the ongoing civil war. Such an approach is not conducive to the calming down of the conflict and to a peaceful political solution of the crisis. Particularly unacceptable are the formulations denying the existence of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and the position supporting the continued maintenance of the unjust and unfair sanctions against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

The Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia wishes to express to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Egypt once again its deep regret and disappointment that the Yugoslav delegation was prevented from participating in the work of the Eleventh Ministerial Conference of Non-Aligned Countries, which we consider a gross violation of the democratic practice and tradition of the Non-Aligned Movement.